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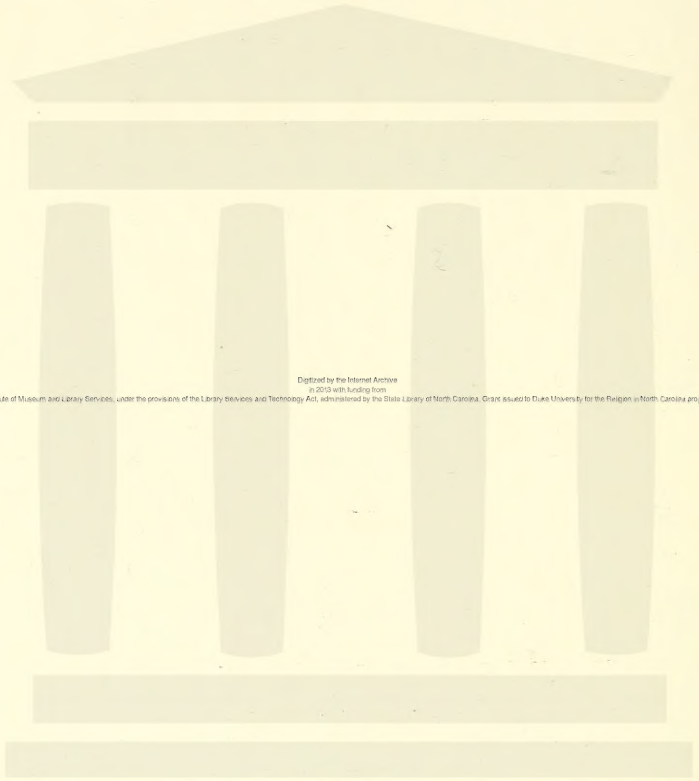
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MINISTERS

1—J. E. L. Winecoff
2—P. L. Clark
3—J. L. Fairly
4—C. C. Myers
5—H. C. Hammond
6—D. L. Williamson
7—J. W. Miller
8—J. S. Crowley
9—M. C. MacQueen
10—E. B. Carr
11—C. B. Craig
12—William Crowe, Jr.
13—A. K. Dudley
14—B. E. Dotson
15—N. P. Farrior
16—W. H. Allison
17—J. V. Axtell
18—F. M. Thompson
19—E. D. Witherspoon
20—L. A. Taylor
21—W. B. Hood
22—J. D. Withrow
23—J. M. Waggett
24—G. F. Miller
25—F. W. Lewis
26—W. H. Goodman
27—J. M. Newbold
28—D. A. Bowles
29—B. F. Hall
30—M. G. Stimpson
31—W. L. Foley
32—Priestley Conyers III
33—N. G. Stevens
34—R. L. McBath
35—C. R. Stegall
36—W. F. F. Little
37—J. W. Ware
38—R. L. Turner
39—J. T. Hayter
40—J. A. Nisbet
41—L. C. Tucker
42—F. T. Read
43—S. M. Houck
44—S. W. Hogue

CHURCHES

1—Acme
2—Antioch
3—Ashwood
4—Baker
5—Bethany
6—Beth Car
7—Bethel
8—Beulaville
9—Black River
10—Bladenboro
11—Bowden
12—Brunswick
13—Burgaw
14—Calypso
15—Cape Fear
16—Carolina Beach
17—Caswell
18—Chadbourn
19—Chinquapin
20—Clarkton
21—Croatan
22—Currie
23—Delgado
24—Elizabethtown
25—Elkton
26—Faison
27—Graves Memorial
28—Grove
29—Hallsville
30—Harmony
31—Harper-Southerland
32—Hebron
33—Holly Grove
34—Hopewell
35—Immanuel
36—Jacksonville
37—Lake Waccamaw
38—Maple Hill
39—McClure Memorial
40—Mt. Horeb
41—Mt. Olive
42—Mt. Williams
43—Mt. Zion
44—Myrtle Grove
45—New Hope
46—Oakdale
47—Oak Plains
48—Page's Mill
49—Pearsall Memorial
50—Pike
51—Pink Hill
52—Pleasant View
53—Pollocksville
54—Potts Memorial
55—Rockfish
56—Rocky Point
57—St. Andrews-Covenant
58—Smiths
59—Southport
60—South River
61—Stanford
62—Stafford Memorial
63—Tabor City
64—Teachey
65—Topsail
66—Wallace
67—Warsaw
68—Webb Memorial
69—Westminster
70—White Plains
71—Whiteville First
72—Wildwood
73—Willard
74—Wilmington First
75—Winter Park
76—Woodburn

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY

Scott York Pharr, Samuel Norman Thomas, Preston Cumming Oliver, George M. Powell, Burriss M. Bender, James Fraser Miller, Richard Franklin Perkins, Clifton E. Dickson, Thomas F. Clark, Eugene Daniel Witherspoon, Wilbur M. Boice.

STATED SESSION

Wilmington Presbytery met in The Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C., July 10, 1951, at 10 a.m., for its 175th stated session. The worship service was conducted by the Retiring Moderator, Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington, who preached the Presbyterial sermon on "The By-Products of Personal Evangelism", from the text Mark 8:36.

Presbytery observed the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper with Reverends C. R. Stegall and J. T. Hayter presiding.

The roll was called and a quorum was declared present. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: Wade H. Allison, Carl B. Craig, B. E. Dotson, A. K. Dudley, N. P. Farrior, W. L. Foley, W. H. Goodman, Jr., B. Frank Hall, J. T. Hayter, Wm. B. Hood, W. F. F. Little, M. C. McQueen, J. W. Mann, Robt. L. McBath, J. W. Miller, C. C. Myers, J. M. Newbold, C. R. Stegall, Neill G. Stevens, Millard G. Stimpson, L. A. Taylor, Robt. L. Turner, J. W. Ware, E. D. Witherspoon, J. D. Withrow.

Ruling Elders: Granger Tadlock, Baker; P. H. Myers, Beth Car; H. B. Rivenbark, Bethany; A. W. Gresham, Beulaville; R. R. Walker, Black River; R. F. Matherson, Bladenboro; J. F. Davis, Bowden; L. R. Bradshaw, Burgaw; James G. Dickson, Calypso; D. N. Hayes, Carolina Beach; Graham Shaw, Caswell; Algie Sutton, Chadbourn; C. S. Clark, Clarkton; H. C. Walker, Currie; J. R. Powell, Elizabethtown; E. C. Newton, Grove; A. H. Miller, Hallsville; W. J. Burt, Immanuel; Dan Bright, Jacksonville; Geo. Sutton, Lake Waccamaw; H. R. Southerland, Mt. Olive; H. E. Latham, Mt. Zion; J. H. Burris, Myrtle Grove; W. H. Hall, Oak Plains; Paul R. Jordan, Sr., Pearsall Memorial; W. E. Fesperman, Pike; T. S. Cannady, Potts Memorial; R. P. Bender, Pollocksville; J. May Wells, Rock Fish; E. F. Langston, Rocky Point; J. B. Huntington, St. Andrews-Covenant; H. M. Wells, Teachey; J. P. Harmon, Warsaw; John B. Boney, Wallace; C. O. Ballinger, Willard; D. M. McIntosh, Wilmington, First; J. L. Lamb, Winter Park.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. J. M. Newbold.

Rev. Wade H. Allison was elected Moderator by acclamation in the place of Rev. D. A. Bowles, the nominee who could not be present.

Rev. Harold Dudley, D. D., of Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. E. L. Stoffel, Th.D., and Rev. L. LaMotte, D.D., of Fayetteville Presbytery, were introduced to Presbytery and invited to sit as visiting brethren. Several new elders and deacons were introduced to Presbytery.

The docket was adopted with two exceptions: first, that Dr. Harold Dudley, General Secretary of the Synod of N. C., be heard as the first order of the day; second, that the re-

port of the Commissioners to the General Assembly be heard after the reports of the Commissions.

Dr. Dudley spoke on the nature and duties of his office and particularly on The Presbyterian News. His address was received as information.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Annuities and Relief by Rev. Wade H. Allison was received and adopted.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF REPORT

1. The Minister's Annuity Fund has operated successfully for 11 years, and the actuaries and auditors again have reported the Fund in sound condition. The following tabulation shows the benefits since the inception of the Fund:

Annuitants	Since 4/1/40	As of 3/31/51
Ministers — Age	363	217
Ministers — Disability	49	238
Widows	234	210
Orphans	65	39

Total benefits paid from 4/1/40 through 3/31/51, $1,437,226.37.

2. The Employee's Annuity Fund, opened on September 1, 1942, had 222 members enrolled on March 31, 1951. Since its beginning 4 have retired on account of age and 3 members have retired on account of total and permanent disability. One age annuitant has returned to active service. Churches should assist their nonministerial employees to be members of this Fund.

3. 390 homes were aided during the year from the funds of Ministerial Relief: 80 ministers, 274 widows, 19 homes of orphans, and 17 nonministerial workers. This was a decrease of 24 homes over the number aided in the previous year. The amount remitted during the year was $290,090.16. Included in this total is $122,334.36 which was sent as supplements to meet emergencies in the lives of those retired on inadequate annuities. While the amount of aid granted per home was larger than in recent years, it is the conviction of the Board that the needs of the aged servants of the Church are not yet adequately met.

4. The December JOY GIFT provides a major portion of the funds for Ministerial Relief. It is necessary, therefore, that there be a generous JOY GIFT during the Ministerial Relief season in 1951-52, if even the minimum necessities of our retired ministers are to be met. There are also situations which arise in the lives of the aged which necessitate special appropriations, and it is the proceeds of the JOY GIFT which make it possible for the Board to send aid in these emergencies.

5. In accordance with the action of the General Assembly this Board presented the strongest possible appeal for the full 7.05% of the benevolent budget for the year just closed. Also a strong appeal was presented for a wide observance of the JOY GIFT in December. The Board is happy to report total receipts amounting to $480,090.93 for the year 1950-51.

6. The General Assembly has requested that 7.05% of the total amount asked for its benevolent work for 1951-52 be given to the Board of Annuities and Relief. In view of the fact, however, that there are approximately 700 beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief and annuitants with inadequate annuities whom the Board assists in the name of the Church, the sum requested is modest. Please urge that the full amount of 7.05% be placed in the budgets of the churches in your Presbytery and Synod.

7. 4 ministers in Wilmington Presbytery received aid from Ministerial Relief. 1 minister, 4 widows, and 1 child in our Presbytery receive benefits from the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

W. H. ALLISON, Chairman Annuities and Relief.

Presbytery recorded its diligent desire to have a typewritten report from every committee required to report to Presbytery, and instructed the Stated Clerk to notify the chairmen in advance.

Dr. L. LaMotte, President of Presbyterian Junior College, warmly welcomed Presbytery to his institution and briefly addressed the Presbytery on the place and needs of his institution.

The Permanent Committee on Special Causes by Rev. Walter H. Goodman, Jr., reported no report.

The report of the Committee on the Program of Progress by Dr. W. C. Mebane as related to the Tithing Adventure was received as information. Presbytery was then led in prayer by Rev. C. R. Stegall for this season. Mr. Stegall then spoke on the importance and blessings of such an adventure. Dr. Mebane urged every church to undertake this venture.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work by Rev. J. W. Miller was received and admitted to record. The report is as follows:

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

1. We have assisted the Chadbourn church in securing a pastor, advised with the Rose Hill group of churches, and approved the extending of calls by the group of churches for the ministerial services of the Rev. Wade H. Allison.

2. Approved the extending of a call to Rev. S. Wylie Hogue by the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington for the ministerial services of Mr. Hogue as Assistant Pastor.

3. Upon request dissolved the pastoral relationship existing between Rev. Ben F. Brown and the Rockfish, Willard, and Potts Memorial churches, and authorized a letter of dismissal that he might unite with the Presbytery of Abingdon. Nov. 15, 1950.

4. Upon the request of Rev. J. Murphy Smith and evidence of the concurrence of the churches, the pastoral relationship existing between him and the Faison and Calypso churches was dissolved, a letter of dismissal was authorized to unite with the Presbytery of Albemarle. The effective date, June 4, 1951.

5. We examined and found in order the calls of the Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood churches for the ministerial services of Mr. Fitzhugh T. Read, Jr. Also, we examined and found in order the call of the Chadbourn church for the ministerial services of Mr. Leslie Tucker.

The report of the Commission to install Rev. J. T. Hayter as pastor of the Grove and Hallsville churches was received and admitted to record. The report is as follows:

COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND TO INSTALL MR. JOHN THOMPSON HAYTER, JR. at the GROVE and HALLSVILLE CHURCHES

The commission appointed by Wilmington Presbytery to ordain and to install Mr. John Thompson Hayter, Jr. as pastor of the Grove and Hallsville churches met in the manse in Kenansville on Sunday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Rev. J. M. Newbold, chairman, Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. Millard G. Stimpson, and Ruling Elder R. V. Wells. By special invitation Rev. Eugene Daniel, Candidate Secretary of the Board of World Missions, and brother-in-law of Mr. Hayter, and Ruling Elder J. T. Hayter, Sr., of Abingdon Presbytery, and father of Mr. Hayter were asked to participate in the ordination and installation service.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the chairman. Ruling Elder R. V. Wells was elected clerk of the commission. The following parts were assigned to the members of the commission and special guests. Moderator—The Rev. J. M. Newbold, Jr., Ordination and Installation Sermon—The Rev. Eugene Daniel who preached on "The Glory of The Gospel" from Romans, chapter 8. Propounder of the Constitutional Questions—The Rev. William Crowe, Jr. Charge to the pastor—The Rev. William Crowe Jr. Charge to the congregation —The Rev. Millard G. Stimpson.

The commission was recessed with prayer to be reconvened at the church.

Following the ordination and installation service at the Grove Church, the commission reconvened in the sanctuary. The minutes were read and approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

Dr. B. Frank Hall reported that the organization of the church at Wrightsville Beach had not been completed.

Reverends C. B. Craig and J. D. Withrow, and Ruling Elder H. R. Southerland reported their attendance on the sessions of the General Assembly. These reports were received as information. The brethren were commended for their diligence and faithfulness.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Leave of Absence:—Ministers: J. W. Ware, Millard G. Stimpson
Ruling Elder: John B. Boney

Place of Next Meeting:—Ministers: Robt. L. Turner, Walter Goodman
Ruling Elder: Graham Shaw

Resolution of Thanks:—Ministers: J. M. Newbold, Neill G. Stevens
Ruling Elder: Paul R. Jordan, Sr.

Presbytery by vote asked the two candidates for the ministry to limit their summarized sermons to 10 minutes.

Rev. R. L. McBath reported on the possibility of a Minister's Retreat at White Lake. The discussion was to be resumed after lunch.

Presbytery recessed until 2 p.m., with the asking of the blessing by Dr. Eugene D. Witherspoon.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p.m., and was led in prayer by Dr. B. Frank Hall.

Presbytery asked that the committee consisting of Reverends D. A. Bowles, R. L. McBath, and M. C. MacQueen be continued in order to study and plan a time and place for a Ministers' Retreat.

Rev. Wade H. Allison introduced to Presbytery Mr. Eugene Curtis Ensley, a member of St. Andrews-Covenant Church. Having stated that the required credentials had been received, Mr. Allison recommended that Mr. Ensley be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Ensley was examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, paragraph 108. He was then received under the care of Presbytery and enrolled as a candidate for the ministry.

Candidate Leslie C. Tucker, Jr., was received from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

Candidate Fitzhugh T. Read was received from Granville Presbytery.

These candidates were presented for licensure. They were examined on experimental religion, motives for seeking the sacred office, Theology, the Sacraments, Church Government, and the English Bible. Their theses and exegeses were accepted as satisfactory.

Mr. Tucker's sermon from II Tim. ch. 3, and Mr. Read's sermon from I John ch. 3 accepted as satisfactory.

All of these parts were sustained separately and as a whole according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order par. 114, 115, 116.

After the constitutional questions of par. 119 had been answered in the affirmative by the candidates and Presbytery had been led in prayer by Dr. Hall, Presbytery licensed Mr. Tucker and Mr. Read as probationers for the holy minstry according to paragraph 120.

The examinations of both candidates for licensure were sustained as satisfactory for ordination.

Calls from the Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood churches, for the pastoral service of Mr. Read, were found in order and placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance of them.

The call from Chadbourn for the pastoral service of Mr. Tucker was found in order and placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance.

Rev. James A. Nisbet was received by certificate of dismission from Fayetteville Presbytery. Mr. Nisbet was examined on experimental religion, views in Theology, the Sacraments, and Church Government as required by the Book of Church Order par. 74.

It was ordered that Mr. Nisbet be enrolled as a member of this Presbytery after signing the obligations required of ministers of this Presbytery.

Calls for the ministerial services of Mr. Nisbet from Willard, Potts Memorial, and Rock Fish churches were presented, found in order, and placed in his hands. He signified his acceptance.

Presbytery appointed the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Leslie C. Tucker, Jr., pastor at the Chadbourn Church on Sunday night, July 22, 1951.

Rev. L. A. Taylor, chairman, to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. M. C. MacQueen to charge the congregation; Rev. E. D. Witherspoon to preach the sermon; Ruling Elder Leo Derrick to charge the pastor. Alternates—minister J. T. Hayter, Ruling Elder Dick Turlington.

Presbytery appointed the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Fitzhugh T. Read, Jr., as pastor of Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood churches on July 29, 1951, at 8 p.m., in a combined meeting of the churches at Lake Waccamaw. Ministers—L. A. Taylor, Neill G. Stevens, Leslie Tucker. Ruling Elders—J. B. Huntington, and Clarence Clark.

Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington to preside and propound the constitutional questions; L. A. Taylor to preach the

sermon; Neill G. Stevens to charge the congregation; Clarence Clark to charge the pastor.

Alternates—Rev. J. W. Miller and Ruling Elder Leo Derrick.

Presbytery appointed the following commission to install Rev. James A. Nisbet as pastor of the Rock Fish, Willard, and Potts Memorial churches.

At Willard Rev. Millard G. Stimpson is to preside; Rev. L. A. Taylor to preach the sermon and charge the pastor; Ruling Elder Earl Faires to charge the congregation. Alternates—Rev. J. T. Hayter and Ruling Elder Kenneth Blanchard. Time—11 a.m., July 15, 1951.

At Potts Memorial Rev. W. B. Hood is to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and charge the pastor; Rev. M. G. Stimpson to preach the sermon; Ruling Elder Earl Faires to charge the congregation. Time—4 p.m., July 15, 1951.

At Rock Fish Rev. M. G. Stimpson is to preside, propound the constitutional questions, and charge the pastor; Rev. W. B. Hood to preach the sermon; Ruling Elder Earl Faires to charge the congregation. Time 8 p.m., July 15, 1951.

Rev. C. C. Myers stated that he was retiring from active service after September 1, 1951.

Rev. B. E. Dotson's report on Daily Vacation Bible School was received as information.

The report of the Resolution of Thanks Committee by Rev. Neill G. Stevens was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Committee on Resolution of Thanks wishes to make the following report: The Presbytery expresses its deep appreciation for the kindness of Dr. LaMotte and the College for the genuine hospitality in entertaining the Presbytery at this time.

Signed,
The Committee

The report of Leave of Absence Committee by Rev. J. W. Ware was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

Rev. D. A. Bowles and P. L. Clark were excused from attendance at this session of Presbytery.

Reverends W. F. F. Little, J. D. Withrow, and Elder Robt. Bender after 3 p.m.; Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. A. K. Dudley, and Elder

John Lamb after 2:30 p.m.; Dr. Frank Hall and Elders D. M. McIntosh and Paul Jordan, Sr., after 3:30 p.m.

Signed,
The Committee

The report of the Place of Next Meeting by Elder D. G. Shaw was received.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Graves Memorial Church, Clinton, as the place for the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. J. M. Newbold assured Presbytery that the Warsaw church would be glad to have Presbytery for its Spring meeting.

Rev. W. L. Foley was nominated as moderator for the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The roll was called and the following were found present:

Ministers: C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, W. H. Goodman, J. M. Newbold, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, C. R. Stegall, J. W. Ware, R. L. Turner, and J. T. Hayter.

Elders: Granger Tadlock, P. H. Meyers, H. B. Rivenbark, A. W. Gresham, R. R. Walker, R. F. Matheson, J. F. Davis, L. R. Bradshaw, James C. Dickson, D. N. Hayes, Graham Shaw, Algie Sutton, C. S. Clark, H. C. Walker, J. R. Powell, E. C. Newton, A. H. Miller, W. J. Burt, Dan Bright, Geo. Sutton, H. R. Southerland, H. E. Latham, J. H. Burrus, W. H. Hall, C. E. Fesperman, T. S. Cannady, R. P. Bender, J. May Wells, E. L. Langston, J. B. Huntington, H. M. Wells, J. P. Harmon, John B. Boney, C. O. Ballinger.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Graves Memorial Church, Clinton, October 16, 1951 with prayer and the Benediction.

J. W. Mann, Permanent Clerk
L. A. Taylor, Stated Clerk
Wade H. Allison, Moderator

STATED SESSION

Wilmington Presbytery met in The Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clinton, N. C., on Tuesday, October 16, 1951, at 10 a.m., for its 176th stated session.

The opening worship was conducted by Rev. W. L. Foley. The sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. W. H. Allison from the Tenth Psalm on The Contributing Cause To Modern Sin.

The roll was called and a quorum was found to be present.

Ministers: P. L. Clark, C. C. Myers, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, Wm. Crowe, Jr., A. K. Dudley, B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, J. M. Waggett, W. H. Goodman, J. M. Newbold, D. A. Bowles, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, J. W. Mann, Neill G. Stevens, R. L. McBath, W. F. F. Little, J. W. Ware, R. L. Turner, J. T. Hayter, J. A. Nesbit, Fitzhugh T. Read, Leslie C. Tucker, Jr.

Ruling Elders: C. L. Braddy, Ashwood; B. C. Thigpen, Baker; P. H. Myers, Beth-Car.; J. A. Sloan, Bethany; Gardner Edwards, Beulaville; Col. Geo. S. Beatty, Black River; H. M. Corbett, Burgaw; Ed. Lewis, Calypso; J. B. Huntington, Cape Fear; G. H. Boughner, Chadbourn; J. D. McKee, Clarkton; W. J. Elkins, Elkton; J. B. Stroud, Jr., Faison; P. S. Carr, Graves Memorial; R. V. Wells, Grove; Walter Miller, Hallsville; R. E. Pendergrass, Harmony; Nick Smith, Harper-Southerland; N. B. Murray, Hopewell; Raymond Marshall, Jacksonville; Rex Kern, McClure Memorial; S. A. Lanier, Maple Hill; I. F. Witherington, Mt. Olive; M. L. Carr, Mt. Zion; Travis Gurganus, Myrtle Grove; L. W. Newkirk, Oak Plains; J. M. Taylor, Pearsall Memorial; J. H. Worrell, Pike; J. C. Southerland, Potts Memorial; E. D. Wells, Jr., Rock Fish; Alex Urquhart, St. Andrews-Covenant; L. A. Warren, Sr., Stafford Memorial; H. C. Brogden, Stanford; R. L. Turner, Teachey; Dr. J. M. Williams, Warsaw; Alexander Southerland, Wallace; James W. Kellog, Webb Memorial; P. K. Avant, Westminister; C. L. Jackson, Whiteville First; James G. Murdock, Wildwood; C. T. Carr, Willard; John H. Hall, Wilmington First; A. J. Jackson, Winter Park.

Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. W. H. Allison.

Rev. W. L. Foley was elected moderator by acclamation.

Rev. S. M. Houck of Concord Presbytery, Rev. S. Wylie Hogue, Jr., of Roanoke Presbytery, Rev. D. Burke Kerr of Louisville Presbytery were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

The docket was adopted.

Rev. M. C. MacQueen welcomed Presbytery to his church.

The report of the Stewardship Committee, submitted by Dr. Wm. Crowe, was received and adopted as a whole.

The Report:

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We note with gratitude the fact that for the five year period 1945-1950 there was an annual increase in our gifts to benevolences, and an annual increase per capita. The figures are as follows:

1944-45	$ 79,047	per capita @	$ 8.60
1945-46	87,879	per capita @	9.03
1946-47	103,454	per capita @	10.28
1947-48	105,481	per capita @	10.34
1948-49	113,736	per capita @	10.96
1949-50	116,197	per capita @	10.86

The year 1950-51 shows a decrease in benevolences from the preceeding year, because of expensive building repairs in several churches. Our gifts for the year total $111,075, a drop of over $5,000. This amount represents per capita giving @ $10.03.

Our Presbytery continues to lag behind other Presbyteries of the Synod and of the General Assembly in per capita giving to benevolences. The per capita for the Assembly last year was $12.13 and for Synod $14.00.

For the coming year we have been asked to accept a budget of $128,435 for Assembly and Synod causes. This represents $11.60 per capita for these causes alone.

It is the judgment of the committee on Stewardship that we should not accept this much responsibility for these causes, but instead plan a budget that represents a ten per cent increase over the amount given for these causes last year. This will be an increase of $7,578.00, and will bring our budget for these causes up to $83,357.00. It is the judgment of the Committee that our budget for Presbytery's causes be the same as last year with the exception of the item for Flora Macdonald College, which was $5,287.00. This will bring our Presbytery's budget to $36,421, and bring our total budget for benevolences to $119,778.00.

Recommendations:

1. That we adopt a budget of $119,778., and make a sincere effort to raise this amount.

2. That this budget be divided among the causes as follows:

	per cent	Amount
a. ASSEMBLY CAUSES:		
World Missions	20	23,955.60
Church Extension	8	9,582.24
Education	3.5	4,192.23
Annuities and Relief	2	2,395.56
General Fund	5	5,988.90
Inter-Church Agencies	0.5	598.89
b. SYNOD CAUSES:		
Church Extension	6	7,186.68
Educational Institutions	9	10,780.02
Orphans Home	5	5,988.90
Union Theo. Seminary	1.5	1,796.67
Religious Education	2	2,395.56

Student Work	1	1,197.78
Presbyterian Home	0.5	598.89
William Black Home	0.5	598.89
c. PRESBYTERY CAUSES:		
Home Missions	20	23,955.60
Administration	7	8,384.46
d. EQUALIZATION FUND	8.5	10,181.13

3. That this amount be apportioned among the churches of the Presbytery as follows:

Benevolence Budget, Presbytery of Wilmington 1952-53—$119,778

The Share Requested of Each Congregation, as Follows:

Church	Asked to give for 1952-'53
Acme	$ 306.00
Antioch	102.00
Ashwood	408.00
Baker	306.00
Beth Car	612.00
Bethany	918.00
Bethel	740.00
Beulaville	612.00
Black River	918.00
Bladenboro	306.00
Bowden	255.00
Brunswick	102.00
Burgaw	1,836.00
Calypso	816.00
Cape Fear	255.00
Carolina Beach	408.00
Caswell	816.00
Chadbourn	1,224.00
Chinquapin	612.00
Clarkton	4,590.00
Croatan	123.00
Currie	123.00
Delgado	918.00
Elizabethtown	2,754.00
Elkton	122.00
Faison	1,020.00
Graves Memorial	5,660.00
Grove	490.00
Hallsville	612.00
Harmony	408.00
Harper-Southerland	185.00
Holly Grove	408.00
Hebron	
Hopewell	612.00
Immanuel	2,448.00
Jacksonville	2,142.00
Lake Waccamaw	867.00
McClure Memorial	612.00
Maple Hill	102.00
Mt. Horeb	306.00

Mt. Olive	$ 3,090.00
Mt. Williams	102.00
Mt. Zion	1,836.00
Myrtle Grove	510.00
New Hope	428.00
Oakdale	122.00
Oak Plains	408.00
Page's Mill	102.00
Pearsall Memorial	2,142.00
Pike	306.00
Pink Hill	408.00
Pleasant View	306.00
Potts Memorial	490.00
Pollocksville	918.00
Rockfish	1,224.00
Rocky Point	510.00
St. Andrews-Covenant	25,500.00
Smith	306.00
Southport	510.00
South River	408.00
Stanford	306.00
Tabor City	102.00
Teachey	714.00
Topsail	612.00
Warsaw	1,530.00
Wallace	5,200.00
Webb Memorial	510.00
Westminster	4,900.00
White Plains	183.00
Whiteville, First	3,264.00
Wildwood	612.00
Willard	612.00
Wilmington, First	22,440.00
Winter Park	3,570.00
Woodburn	612.00

4. That Presbytery designate March 2, 1952, as Every Member Canvass Day, and urge the churches not to consider a canvass complete until every member of the church has made a pledge, or after having the claims of the church presented to him by a representative of the church, declined to make a pledge.

5. That the period February 3-March 2, 1952 be designated a special season for emphasis upon the Stewardship of possessions, and that pastors be urged to preach repeatedly on this theme.

6. That, recognizing the principle of tithing as of importance in spiritual growth and development, we commend to our people the program of "Our Tithing Adventure" and urge all churches that have not already adopted the program to adopt it during the months of January, February, and March.

7. That the Boards of Deacons in our congregations be urged to study the per capita giving of their membership in comparison to the per capita giving for the Synod and the Assembly.

8. That the Presbytery urge that all benevolence funds, special and undesignated, from all departments of the church be sent to the

Central Treasurer of Benevolences, L. A. Taylor, 10 S. 15th St., Wilmington.

9. That, the Central Treasurer of Benevolences be directed to use the equalization fund to assure the less popular benevolences of receiving their full quotas for the year.

10. That, we again call to the attention of Presbytery the following statement from the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1950: "The General Assembly reaffirms its position that the askings in the budget shall be the total amount expected from the church by the Every Member Canvass and all supplementary gifts."

11. That we approve and commend to our churches the plans of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia for the seriously needed mid-century development campaign.

Presbytery instructed the Stewardship Committee to hold a series of conferences throughout the presbytery to which deacons should be invited.

The report of Committee on Homes, submitted by Rev. J. M. Newbold, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOMES

Your Committee on Homes wishes to share with Presbytery the following facts and general information regarding The William Black Home, The Presbyterian Orphans' Home, and the Presbyterian Home.

William Black Home

The William Black Home at Montreat, N. C., was opened last May, and was overflowing with guests until the very end of the season. It was the most popular lodging place in Montreat and hundred of others came to inspect the building. All were favorably impressed by the beauty and convenience of the building and its furnishings, and also by the splendid management under Mrs. C. W. Maxwell.

Including $17,000 worth of furnishings, the total cost of the William Black Home was around $100,000 with a replacement value today of $150,000. It is spacious, handsome, and well adapted to our needs. It is generally acclaimed one of the nicest buildings in Montreat.

There is still an indebtedness of some $7,000 on the building, which is requiring interest to carry. Each presbytery was given an asking for the Home. The asking from our presbytery is $4,500.00.

The response from the presbyteries has been as follows:

Albemarle	$ 48.00
Concord	3,420.00
Fayetteville	564.50
Granville	1,087.50
Kings Mountain	4,611.09
Mecklenburg	7,950.44
Winston-Salem	705.76
Wilmington	94.00

According to Rev. R. H. Stone, Treasurer of The William Black Home, very few of our Wilmington Presbytery Churches have responded. The $94.00 given by us came from the following sources:

Rev. C. B. Craig	$25.00
Jacksonville Church	40.00
Jacksonville Women of the Church	3.00
Rev. Ben Brown	1.00
New Hope Church	15.00
Wallace Church	10.00

If each of our churches will give a small amount, we can soon discharge Wilmington Presbytery's responsibility in a great project that has proved eminently successful.

PRESBYTERIAN ORPHANS' HOME

A recent report by the Rev. Albert McClure, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, reflects a state of high morale among the Staff and children at the Home.

The Summer of 1951 was a busy but a good one. A fine corps of summer relief workers, which included young women from our Assembly's Training School, relieved the regular house mothers for vacation periods and carried on an excellent program of campus activities.

On August 30th, school opened with Mr. R. G. Calhoun as Principal, heading a fine staff of teachers. Nearly one hundred students are enrolled in the high school and not quite two hundred in the grammar school. The principal and faculty report that they are particularly impressed with the interest and enthusiasm shown by the boys and girls as they begin another school year. The football team is in good shape and expects to win half of its games. Other activities such as the Glee Club, Beta Club, Choral groups, etc., are busy at work. The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship of the Church is active and got a good boost during the summer through the visit of a Caravan Team to the campus.

Last winter the Home became so crowded the receiving of new children was stopped. However, with the graduating of the seniors and the replacing of a number of children in their own homes, places were made available this summer and the reception of new children began again. At the present there are about 275 in residence; and with the current flow of applications, it will not be long before the Home is filled to capacity again. Wilmington Presbytery at the moment has more children in the Home than any other presbytery in the Synod.

Contributions by our Presbytery during the Church Year 1950-51 were as follows:

Total from Budget of Churches	$ 2,861.49
Offerings from Sunday Schools and Women of Church	$ 4,353.73
Thanksgiving Offering	$ 4,282.08
Total from all sources	$11,548.85

Total receipts from Wilmington Presbytery as of October 1, 1951, $2,025.73. The rapid rise in prices, of course, has affected the life of

the Home acutely. It is proving quite a task for the Administration to remain within the budget. At the present time, however, the Home has no debt, and every effort will be made to avoid such from occuring. The Home is utterly dependent upon the people of Wilmington Presbytery and the rest of the Synod for its support. Yet they are completely confident that through the Thanksgiving offering and other ways, the funds will be provided by us to give a home to these three hundred children in this day of high cost.

One of the greatest needs on the campus at this time is for qualified persons to serve as housemothers. At the present the Home is way below the minimum required to do the job. Mr. McClure is anxious to correspond with any of our people between ages of 25 and 50 who have interest in this and would be willing to serve in the Home. In cases of unusual training and experience, even a person older than fifty would be considered. We are asked to carry this message back to our churches and investigate potential housemothers within our congregations.

Your Committee has received a very cordial letter from Mr. McClure requesting that we express to Wilmington Presbytery his and the Home's deep appreciation for our support and conveying his confidence that we will continue to undergird with our gifts, our interest, and our prayers.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Last month, at the annual meeting of Synod, the name of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Inc., was changed to The Presbyterian Home.

Mr. Sullivan, President of the Board of Trustees, reported to Synod that the net worth of the Home was $231,913.21. However, within the last few intervening weeks, a gift of $17,000 has been received in addition to several other smaller gifts, making a total net worth, as of today, of approximately $252,000.00. The Board expects to qualify for the Burrus Estate in High Point, N. C., amounting to approximately $55,000.00 and for the Ford Estate in Lexington, N. C., amounting to approximately $45,000.00 during the early part of 1952. Another bequest of $25,000.00 is due to come from the estate of the late Mrs. J. E. Latham, making the total amount expected within the next few months to be $125,000.00. Within the next year every effort will be made to secure the remaining $123,000.00 necessary to complete the $500,000.00 authorized by Synod. Wilmington Presbytery will be expected to do her part.

Since the Home was instituted in 1946, Wilmington Presbytery has given $5,289.30 as follows:

Mr. J. N. Boney, through The First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, in honor of his parents	$2,500.00
Women of The Church	485.85
Presbyterian Youth Fellowship	39.40
Churches of Wilmington Presbytery	2,264.05
Total Gifts	$5,289.30

Work is nearing completion on the remodeling and additions to the first building of the Presbyterian Home. It is hoped that the work will be completed and the Home furnished early in November. This

building will house the office of the Home, the Matron, certain staff members and other help, and twenty-five to thirty guests. This presents quite a problem in view of the 120 active applications already received for admission to date. One can readily see the need of a second unit now, which the remaining $123,000.00 would make possible. It is hoped that the Home will be opened during December or certainly no later than early January.

The Board of Trustees has appointed Mr. R. A. Short as Superintendent and Business Manager of the Home. He began his work on October 1. Mr. Short is a native of High Point, graduate in Business Administration at High Point College, (Class of '40), Deacon in The First Presbyterian Church of High Point, and Bursar and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at High Point College prior to coming with the Home. It appears that a very capable man is now in charge of the Home.

It is interesting to note that our Synod now has a home for every age: for those just beginning life, for those in the midst of life, and for those at the close of life. God has been good to us, and in His spirit and with His help we can continue to fulfill the sacred privilege of promoting these homes which He has entrusted to us and our people.

Jerry Newbold, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Homes
Wilmington Presbytery

The report of The Sub-Committee on Evangelism, submitted by the Rev. B. E. Dotson, was received and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The past five years in our church have seen an increased interest in evangelism.

The General Assembly reports that from 1925-1945 the church membership has an average annual gain of 8,443 members. From 1945-1950 the average annual gain was 19,024. The last annual figures available, 1949-1950, registered a total reception of 69,077, the largest total reception of members in any year of the history of our church with the exception of one.

Wilmington has helped make these figures as follows:

1926-1940 average gain 115 per year.
1941-1945 average gain 120 per year.
1946-1950 average gain 301 per year.

The net gain for our Presbytery for the past church year is 376. To make this net gain our churches received: on profession of faith 531; on reaffirmation of faith 141; and by certificate 458. The total received last year 1130. This is the largest number ever received in our Presbytery in one year on profession of faith or by certificate, and the net gain is greater than any previous year. Many churches held a week of evangelistic services and some have a program of Visitation Evangelism. Wilmington held a preaching mission. During the past year 16 churches in our presbytery reported no person received on profesison of faith, and two churches made no report to Presbytery. This made 18 of our 76 churches not reporting any members on profession of faith.

Suggestions For All Churches

There is much value in the pastor having a prayer list which can be kept ever before us. This is good for the minister and the people. This list can be used daily as a prayer list even though some names may stay on for a year or more.

Preparations for a week of services are as important as preaching. Much advertising should be done through the personal invitation of members and otherwise. The more cottage prayer meetings the better. The success is largely dependent on the prayers of the members and the minister.

If any church is reluctant to hold a week of services because of lack of finances or a preacher, the committee will be glad to help secure a preacher or pay the expenses of one to come.

Each minister is encouraged to give an invitation for making a profesison of faith and church membership at the regular worship service, and to pray often in the public prayer for the lost.

There is a good opportunity for evangelism through the fellowship of a Sunday School class or other fellowship groups of the church. There is also an opportunity for evangelism through the use of tracts. These can be secured from the Assembly's Committee, Henry Grady Bldg., Atlanta 3, Ga.

Recommendation:

That all churches in the Presbytery be directed, except where there are sincere handicaps, to hold a week of special services for bringing people to Christ during the Pre-Easter season, or sometime during the year. (March 23-April 13).

B. E. DOTSON, Chairman.

Rev. L. A. Taylor, in the absence of Dr. W. C. Mebane, made an oral report on the Program of Progress. Pending the reception of this report as information presbytery heard Miss Rosanna Barnes speak on Church School Clinical Work.

Dr. Sandy Marks made an address on his missionary work in Africa.

The Moderator appointed Reverends Leslie Tucker, W. C. MacQueen, and Ruling Elder C. L. Jackson on The Leave of Absence Committee.

The Moderator appointed Reverends Fitzhugh Read and J. W. Ware, and Ruling Elder H. M. Corbett on the Place of Next Meeting Committee.

The Moderator appointed Reverends Leslie Tucker, W. F. F. Little, and Ruling Elder M. L. Carr on the Resolution of Thanks Committee.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL CANDIDATE LESLIE C. TUCKER, JR.

The commission to ordain and to install Candidate Leslie C. Tucker, Jr., as pastor of the Chadbourn Presbyterian Church, met in the

sanctuary of the church on Sunday, July 22, 1951 at 7:30 p.m. The commission was constituted by prayer. Those present were: Rev. L. A. Taylor, Chairman, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. J. T. Hayter, Jr., and Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick. The Rev. J. T. Hayter, Jr., was elected clerk. The assignment of parts was made.

The commission recessed for the service to follow. The Rev. L. A. Taylor presided. The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon preached the sermon on the subject, "God In History", from II Timothy chapter 1. The chairman propounded the constitutional questions, and these being answered in the affirmative, there followed the laying on of hands and the extending of the right hand of fellowship. Ruling Elder E. L. Derrick delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. J. T. Hayter, Jr., delivered the charge to the congregation. The Rev. Leslie C. Tucker pronounced the benediction.

After the service the commission reconvened in the sanctuary of the church, and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned with prayer.

JOHN T. HAYTER, JR., Clerk.

This report was received and admitted to the record of Presbytery.

The report of the commission to ordain and install Candidate Fitzhugh Read, Jr., was received and admitted to the record of Presbytery.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL CANDIDATE FITZHUGH READ, JR.

The Commission appointed to ordain and install candidate Fitzhugh Read, Jr., as pastor of the Lake Waccamaw and Ashwood Churches, met at the Presbyterian Manse, Lake Waccamaw, N. C., on Sunday, July 29, 1951 at 7:30 p.m. The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. N. G. Stevens. The parts were assigned after the prayer. The Commission then adjourned to the sanctuary. The Rev. L. A. Taylor preached the sermon the subject "His Body, the Church". Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington presided and propounded the constitutional questions. The Rev. N. G. Stevens charged the congregation. Ruling Elder Clarence Clark charged the pastor. The Rev. L. C. Tucker led the pastoral prayer. The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commisison adjourned with prayer by Ruling Elder Clarence Clark.

L. C. TUCKER, Clerk.

The Reports of The Commissions To Install Rev. J. A. Nisbet as pastor of the Rock Fish, Willard, and Potts Memorial Church were received and admitted to the record of Presbytery.

The Commission appointed to install, Rev. James A. Nisbet, as pastor of the Potts Memorial Church, met in the Session room at 4:00 p.m., on July 15, 1951. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Hood, Chairman. Present were: Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev.

Millard Stimpson, Rev. James A. Nisbet and Ruling Elder E. W. Faires. Parts were assigned for the installation service. The Commission adjourned to the church auditorium.

Rev. W. B. Hood presided, propounded the constitutional questions and delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. Millard Stimpson read the Scripture and preached the sermon. Ruling Elder E. W. Faires delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. James A. Nisbet pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission was dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Hood.

E. W. FAIRES,
Clerk of the Commission

The Commission appointed to install, Rev. James A. Nisbet, as pastor of the Rock Fish Church met in the Sunday School Building at 8:00 p.m., July 15, 1951. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Millard Stimpson, chairman. Present were: Rev. Millard Stimpson, Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. James A. Nisbet and Ruling Elder E. W. Faires. Parts were assigned for the installation service. The Commission adjourned to the church auditorium.

Rev. Millard Stimpson, presided, propounded the constitutional questions and delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. W. B. Hood read the Scripture and preached the sermon. Ruling Elder E. W. Faires, delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. James A. Nisbet pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission was dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Hood.

E. W. FAIRES
Clerk of the Commission

The Commisison appointed to install, Rev. James A. Nisbet, as pastor of the Willard Church met at 10:45 a.m., on July 15, 1951 in the Sunday School Building. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Millard Stimpson, Chairman. Present were: Rev. Millard Stimpson, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. James A. Nisbet and Ruling Elder E. W. Faires. Parts were assigned for the installation service. The Commission adjourned to the church auditorium.

Rev. Millard Stimpson, presided, and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. L. A. Taylor read the Scripture, preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder E. W. Faires delivered the charge to the congregation. Rev. James A. Nisbet pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved. The Commission was dismissed with prayer by Ruling Elder E. W. Faires.

E. W. FAIRES
Clerk of the Commission

The Report of The Commission appointed to install Rev. W. H. Allison as pastor of Mt. Zion, Teachey, and Oak Plains was received. The irregularity was noted, ratified, and admitted to the record of Presbytery.

The Commission appointed to install the Rev. W. H. Allison as pastor of the Mt. Zion, Teachey, and Oak Plains Churches met at

the Mt. Zion Church Sunday evening, September 16, 1951, at 7:50 p.m. Present were: Ministers—E. D. Witherspoon, W. H. Allison; Elders—D. H. Boney, W. H. Hall. The Commission was constituted by prayer and the parts assigned. The Commission adjourned to the sanctuary where a worship service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Allison. The Rev E. D. Witherspoon presided and propounded the constitutional questions. The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon preached the sermon on the subject, "Retrospect and Prospect". The Rev. E. D. Witherspoon led the installation prayer and delivered the charge to the pastor. Ruling Elder D. H. Boney delivered the charge to the congregations. Rev. W. H. Allison pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened. The minutes were read and approved and the Commission was dismissed with prayer.

W. H. ALLISON,
Clerk of the Commission

Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. D. A. Bowles to meet at 2 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 p.m. with hymn singing and prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. S. Wylie Hogue, Jr., presented a certificate of presbyterial dismission from Roanoke Presbytery.

Rev. S. M. Houck presented a certificate of presbyterial dismisison from Concord Presbytery.

These two ministers were examined, received and enrolled as members of the Presbytery according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, paragraphs 74 and 75.

Rev. J. W. Miller, Chairman of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, stated that the Commission had approved the calls for Rev. S. Wylie Hogue, Jr., and Rev. S. M. Houck.

The calls for the pastoral services of Rev. S. M. Houck from the Bethany and McClure Memorial churches were placed in his hands. He accepted the calls.

The following commisisons were appointed to install Rev. S. M. Houck at the Bethany and McClure Memorial churches:

At the McClure Memorial church on November 4th, 7:30 p.m. Ministers: C. C. Myers, E. D. Witherspoon, and P. L. Clark; Elders: Kyle Bannerman, and Dr. W. C. Mebane.

At Bethany church on November 11th, 7:30 p.m. Ministers: Dr. Wm. C. Crowe, Jr., to preach the sermon, Robt. L. Turner, and L. A. Taylor; Elders: J. B. Huntington, and A. E. Gibson.

Dr. Wm. C. Crowe, Jr, asked that an appropriate committee be appointed by the Moderator to install Rev. S. Wylie Hogue, Jr., as Assistant Pastor of The First Presbyterian church of Wilmington.

Rev. Wade H. Allison introduced to the Presbytery Mr. Wilbur Boice, Jr., a member of Westminster church, Whiteville, and a student at the University of North Carolina. Having stated that the required credentials had been received, Mr. Allison recommended that he be received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Boice was then examined, received, and enrolled as a candidate for the ministry according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, paragraph 108.

L. B. Huie, President of Men Of The Church spoke and requested that prayer be offered for the Men of The Church and Men's Convention at Greensboro, N. C. Rev. M. C. MacQueen led the Presbytery in prayer for The Men's Convention to be held in Greensboro, October 19-21.

The Report of The Leave of Absence Committee was received and adopted.

The Report

The following requests have been placed in the hands of your Leave of Absence Committee. We recommend that they be granted:—(1) that Rev. E. D. Witherspoon be excused from this meeting of Presbytery. He is attending a meeting of the Board of Education in Richmond, Va.; (2) that Rev. A. K. Dudley, Rev. C. C. Myers, and Rev. W. F. F. Little be excused from the afternoon session; (3) that Rev. W. H. Goodman be excused at 3 p.m., because of a scheduled meeting tonight; (4) that Elder Geo. S. Beatty be excused from the afternoon session.

D. A. BOWLES, Chairman
M. C. MacQUEEN
C. L. JACKSON

Dr. B. F. Hall made an oral report on the church at Wrightsville Beach.

Presbytery ratified and confirmed the actions of Trustees, Joshua S. James, Walter P. Sprunt, and James H. Clark in executing a note and deed of trust to secure the $8,000.00 borrowed from Carolina Savings and Loan Association for the completion of the building at Wrightsville Beach by adopting the following resolution:

Whereas, The Wilmington Presbytery at its adjourned meeting held in Red Springs on January 16, 1951, did authorize its Committee on Home Missions to borrow a sum not exceeding $8,000.00 for the completion of the building at Wrightsville Beach; and

Whereas, it was the intention of the Presbytery to authorize its Trustees to execute a note representing said sum so borrowed and to execute a deed of trust conveying as security for said loan, Lots 24, 26 and 28, Block 2, Addition No. 1, Wrightsville Beach Extension; and

Whereas, said Trustees in order to secure said funds have executed a note dated August 27, 1951, payable to the Carolina Savings and Loan Association in the amount of $8,000.00, and have executed a conveyance securing said note to Murray G. James, Trustee, of even date with said note:

Now, Therefore, the actions of said Trustees, Joshua S. James, Walter P. Sprunt, and James H. Clark, in executing said note and deed of trust above referred to are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

The Presbytery adopted the following resolution regarding the property of Little Chapel On The Board Walk, Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

The Resolution:

Whereas the First Presbyterian church, and the St. James Episcopal church, both of Wilmington, N. C., have agreed to transfer title to the property in Wrightsville Beach, known as The Little Chapel on the Board Walk, and described as follows: BEGINNING and being on the sound side and West of the right of way of the Consolidated Railway Light and Power Company as its track now lays on said Wrightsville Beach (This is July 1904) and back of lot No. 46 as shown on map or plat recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in the County of New Hanover with the deed from Wilmington Seacoast Railroad Company to A. G. Ricaud to which reference is to be had. The lot hereby conveyed being the one if Lot No. 46 was (sic) extended Westward across the track of said railroad toward the sound and the dimensions of said lot are as follows:

Beginning at a point forty (40) feet from the track of said railroad in the Southern line of Lot 46, if extended, as described above, and running thence West 46 feet; thence North 26 feet; thence East 46 feet; thence South 26 feet to the beginning, to the Trustees of Wilmington Presbytery, with the understanding that said property will be sold and the proceeds of the sale used for the construction of the Wrightsville Beach church,

Be it resolved:

First, That Wilmington Presbytery, in session in Clinton, N. C., on October 16, 1951, authorize its Trustees to accept the title to this property and authorize the Stated Clerk to express to The First Presbyterian church and St. James Episcopal church its sincere thanks and appreciation for this favor and

Second, That Wilmington Presbytery authorize the Building Committee of the Wrightsville Beach church to contract for the sale of said property according to its discretion, and turn the proceeds of the sale over to its treasurer to be used in financing the cost of the construction of the Wrightsville Beach church, and

Third, That Wilmington Presbytery authorize its Trustees to convey title to the property upon recommendation of the Building Committee of the Wrightsville Beach church.

Presbytery commended the present committee on the Wrightsville Beach church for the fine work done. The committee was continued.

Wilmington Presbytery authorized its Trustees to convey to the trustees of the Lake Waccamaw Church title to the property now held for said church with the following resolution:

Whereas, the Lake Waccamaw Church is now well established and on a firm financial foundation, and

Whereas, it is the established policy for Wilmington Presbytery to convey to churches that have become well established and financially responsible, the title to property held by the Presbytery for the church,

Be it resolved:

That, Wilmington Presbytery, in session at Clinton, N. C., on October 16th, 1951, authorize its Trustees to convey to the trustees of the Lake Waccamaw Church title to the property now held and which is described in a deed dated July 12, 1927, and recorded in Book 129, page 395, Columbus County Registry.

The following Memorial of Rev. F. M. Bain was read by Rev. J. M. Newbold and adopted. Rev. L. A. Taylor led Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and labors of Mr. Bain and in behalf of his family.

REV. FRANKLIN MUNN BAIN

The Reverend Franklin Munn Bain, esteemed member of Wilmington Presbytery, died unexpectedly at his home in Rose Hill, N. C., on April 3, 1951, at the age of sixty.

Mr. Bain was born in Wade, N. C., on June 6, 1890, the son of Samuel Angus Bain and Laura Ann Sessoms Bain.

He received his A. B. Degree from Davidson College in 1916 and his B. D. Degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, in 1919.

Licensed by Fayetteville Presbytery on June 3, 1919, and ordained by Norfolk Presbytery on September 24 of the same year, he accepted as his first pastorate the Makemie Church and Group in Norfolk Presbytery. Here he served from 1919 to 1923. His next pastorate was the Flat Branch Church and Group in Bunnlevel, N. C., where he served for four years. In 1927 he became pastor of the Galatia Church of Fayetteville Presbytery, where he remained until 1942. During this period he also served as Stated Supply for the Lumber Bridge and Rex Churches (1930-1940) and the Hope Mills and Philippi Churches (1940-1942). In 1942 he accepted a call to the Mt. Zion, Teachey, and Oak Plains Churches in Wilmington Presbytery. Here he served until his untimely death.

F. M. Bain revealed in his character the qualities that have made Scotch Presbyterians notable. In college he was recognized as a man of "superb dignity" and seriousness of purpose, "a man of high ideals and manly character" (from 1916 Davidson College Annual). He was

a relentless worker, who set himself to master thoroughly the courses of study that he pursued, and he succeeded admirably. The highest esteem of fellow students was his.

In his ministry he manifested the same qualities: earnestness, systematic work, unremitting devotion to duty. His approach to his religious work was marked not only with reverence and devotion; but with good sense, and, when occasion was fitting, a fine sense of humor. He did not wear out or dry up in his ministry. On the contrary his ministry grew continually. His long, and few, pastorates left behind permanent accomplishments, the final one being marked by the building and near completion of the beautiful new church at Rose Hill.

The preaching of Mr. Bain was of high quality, marked by love and deep concern for those who heard him, fearless in condemning evil, and compassionate in proclaiming the Gospel. It seems fitting that a man of such great love for his God and for his people should be quietly stricken with a heart attack at the close of a Communion Service with his congregation and then courageously and serenely pass on to his well deserved, awaiting reward of eternal fellowship with his Saviour and Father.

Mr. Bain is survived by his wife, Lola Leach Bain of Raeford, N. C.; three daughters: Mrs. E. S. Johnson of Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. R. E. Shadwell of Washington, D. C., Gladys Bain, and one son, Munn Bain of Raeford, N. C.

The report of the Committee on Thanks and Resolutions was received and adopted.

Resolution of Thanks

The Presbytery of Wilmington wishes to express its appreciation to the Pastor, Officers, and Members of The Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church for the privilege of meeting here. Especially do we thank the Elder for the bountiful meal provided for our physical needs.

Presbytery congratulates the members of Graves Memorial Church on their beautiful sanctuary. We also thank the retiring Moderator, The Rev. Wade Allison, for his timely sermon.

L. C. TUCKER,
W. F. F. LITTLE,
M. L. CARR.

Presbytery instructed the Stated Clerk to make possible a more prominent place for the Moderator's sermon in the docket.

Presbytery instructed the Chairman of The Stewardship Committee to furnish members of the Presbytery a mimeographed copy of its report.

The report of The Committee On The Place Of The Next Meeting was received and adopted, and is as follows:

No invitation was received for the January meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery voted to leave the matter of Time and Place for the January Meeting in the hands of the Moderator and Stated Clerk.

The Warsaw and Grove Churches asked for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

FITZHUGH READ,
JACK WARE,
H. M. CORBETT.

Dr. Sandy C. Marks was nominated for moderator of the next meeting of Presbytery.

The roll of ministers and elders was called.

The following ministers were found to be present:

P. L. Clark, J. W. Miller, J. S. Crowley, M. C. MacQueen, C. B. Craig, Wm. Crowe, Jr., B. E. Dotson, N. P. Farrior, W. H. Allison, L. A. Taylor, W. B. Hood, J. M. Waggett, J. M. Newbold, D. A. Bowles, B. F. Hall, M. G. Stimpson, W. L. Foley, J. W. Mann, N. G. Stevens, J. W. Ware, R. L. Turner, J. T. Hayter, J. A. Nisbet, Fitzhugh Read, L. C. Tucker.

The following Ruling Elders were found to be present: C. L. Braddy, P. H. Myers, J. A. Sloan, H. M. Corbett, J. B. Huntington, G. H. Boughner, J. D. McKee, J. B. Stroud, Jr., P. S. Carr, R. V. Wells, Walter Miller, R. E. Pendergrass, Nick Smith, N. B. Murray, Raymond Marshall, Rex Kern, S. A. Lanier, I. F. Witherington, M. L. Carr, Travis Gurganus, L. W. Newkirk, J. M. Taylor, J. H. Worrell, J. C. Southerland, E. D. Wells, Jr., Alex R. Urquhart, L. A. Warren, Sr., H. C. Brogden, E. L. Turner, J. M. Williams, Alexander Southerland, James W. Kellog, P. K. Avant, C. L. Jackson, James G. Murdock, C. T. Carr, John H. Hall.

The Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with the singing of The Doxology, and the Benediction by the Moderator.

J. W. MANN, Permanent Clerk,
L. A. TAYLOR, Stated Clerk,
W. L. FOLEY, Moderator.

COMMISSION ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Report of the Commission On The Minister and His Work by Rev. J. W. Miller was received and admitted to the record of Presbytery.

The Commission of Wilmington Presbytery on the Minister and His Work met at St. Andrews-Covenant Church Monday, August 13th at 2 p.m., with the following members present: Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. L. A. Taylor, D.D., Rev. P. L. Clark, and Ruling Elders George Mitchell and J. W. Faires.

The commission was called to order by the chairman, Rev. J. W. Miller and opened with prayer.

Rev. P. L. Clark was requested to serve as clerk.

Rev. W. H. Allison presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between himself and the Immanuel Church that he might accept a call to become pastor of the Mt. Zion, Teachey, and Oak Plains churches. The request was granted after hearing from the church through its representative, Ruling Elder A. C. Pate.

Calls from Mt. Zion, Teachey, and Oak Plain churches for the pastoral services of Rev. W. H. Allison were presented to the commission. These calls were found in order and placed in Mr. Allison's hands upon his signifying his willingness to accept the calls.

The following commission was appointed to install Mr. Allison as pastor in his new field of labor: Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, D.D., Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. J. M. Newbold, and Ruling Elders D. H. Boney and W. H. Hall. The installation service to be conducted at the Mt. Zion Church, Sunday, September 9th at 8 o'clock p.m.

Calls from the Bethany and McClure Memorial Churches for the pastoral services of Rev. S. M. Houck were read. These calls were examined, found in order and approved.

Rev. C. C. Myers presented a request to the commission that he be honorably retired and that he be recommended to the Minister's Annuity Fund for retirement pension. The request was granted.

The Executive Secretary, Rev. L. A. Taylor was authorized to arrange for temporary supplies in the Presbytery as the needs may arise subect to the approval of the commission.

On motion the commission adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr. George Mitchell.

P. L. Clark,
Clerk

DIRECTORY

Moderator—Rev. W. L. Foley, Whiteville, N. C.
Executive Secretary, Stated Clerk, Treasurer of Presbytery, Central Treasurer of Benevolences—Rev. L. A. Taylor, Wilmington, N. C.
Permanent Clerk—Rev. J. W. Mann, Atkinson, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Exit 1955

Joshua S. James, Walter P. Sprunt, James H. Clark.

TRUSTEES OF DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Exit 1952; Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Exit 1953.

TRUSTEES OF FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Exit 1952

Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, Mrs. O. L. Parker, Mrs. George Currie.

Exit 1953

Rev. B. E. Dotson, J. A. Love, Jr., Dr. W. C. Mebane, ...

Exit 1954

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Rev. L. A. Taylor, James H. Clark, Mrs. G. O. Rogers.

TRUSTEES OF PEACE JUNIOR COLLEGE

Rev. William Crowe, Jr., Exit 1952; Rev. W. B. Hood, Exit 1953.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

Chairman—William Crowe, Jr.

Presbytery's Church Extension—Rev. M. C. MacQueen, Chairman.
Annuities and Relief—Rev. Wade H. Allison.
Stewardship—Rev. William Crowe, Jr.
Education—Rev. B. Frank Hall.
World Missions—Rev. C. R. Stegall.
Women of the Church—Mrs. John Farrior and Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt.
Men of the Church—Litchfield Huie and H. S. Johnson, Deacon.
Youth Council—Anna Avant.
Ruling Elders—James H. Clark and W. M. Boice.
Deacon—Percy C. West.

COMMITTEES

World Missions—Ministers: C. R. Stegall, D. A. Bowles, Carl B. Craig; Ruling Elders: H. M. Corbett, G. E. Fisher.

Church Extension—Ministers: M. C. MacQueen, D. A. Bowles, B. E. Dotson, W. L. Foley, E. D. Witherspoon, R. L. McBath, N. P. Farrior, A. K. Dudley; Ruling Elders: A. E. Gibson, Gordon Prevatte, Melvin Cording, J. B. Huntington, Mrs. E. M. Farrior.

Education—Ministers: B. F. Hall, D. A. Bowles, Priestly Conyers III, M. G. Stimpson, Jack W. Ware, W. B. Hood, William Crowe, Jr., W. H. Allison, Robert L. McBath; Ruling Elders: E. W. Faires, M. V. Orr, S. M. Davis, A. R. Urquhart, Mrs. D. D. Clark.

Annuities and Relief—C. B. Craig, J. M. Waggett, J. W. Mann; Ruling Elders: E. D. Wells, W. J. Calhoun.

Homes—Ministers: J. M. Newbold, Jr., C. C. Myers, J. D. Withrow; Ruling Elders: J. B. Stroud, M. McN. Johnson, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

Stewardship—William Crowe, Jr., Neill G. Stevens, Litchfield Huie, Mrs. John Farrior; Ruling Elders: K. M. Corbett, H. E. Latham, H. G. MacQueen W. J. Scott, Mrs. P. R. Smith.

Records—Ministers: P. L. Clark, W. F. F. Little, C. R. Stegall; Ruling Elders: H. M. Wells, Leon Flowers.

Sabbath and Family Religion—Ministers: J. M. Waggett, J. W. Mann; Ruling Elders: Frank Haasis, H. E. Latham.

Special Causes—Ministers: W. H. Goodman, D. A. Bowles, Jack W. Ware; Ruling Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane, R. P. Bender.

Women of the Church—Rev. J. M. Newbold, Rev. L. A. Taylor, Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, J. R. Maxwell, Mrs. John Farrior.

History of Presbytery—Ruling Elder J. B. Huntington.

Auditing—Frank S. Wilson, J. A. Love, Jr., P. H. Myers.

Divorce and Remarriage—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman, Exit 1952.

Area No. 1—Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. Robert L. McBath, Rev. D. A. Bowles.

Area No. 2—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Rev. Wade H. Allison, Rev. William Crowe, Jr.

Area No. 3—Rev. Carl B. Craig, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.

Area No. 4—Rev. P. L. Clark, Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. J. M. Newbold.

Nominations, Exit 1952—Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. D. A. Bowles, E. L. Derrick, J. B. Huntington.

Commission on Minister and His Work—Exit Fall 1951—Rev. J. W. Miller, E. W. Faires; Exit Fall, 1952—Rev. A. K. Dudley, P. L. Clark; Exit Fall, 1953—Rev. B. E. Dotson, George Mitchell.

Examinations—Rev. B. Frank Hall, Chairman, Exit 1953.

Experimental Religion—Rev. Carl B. Craig, Rev. J. W. Miller.

Academic Studies—Rev. B. E. Dotson, Rev. J. M. Waggett.

Languages—Rev. N. P. Farrior, Rev. Neill G. Stevens.

Theology—Rev. W. B. Hood, Rev. B. Frank Hall.

Church History—Rev. P. L. Clark, Rev. Robert L. Turner.

Church Government—Rev. W. L. Foley, Rev. A. K. Dudley.

English Bible—Rev. J. W. Ware, Rev. W. H. Goodman, Jr.

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